

PROGRESSIVES FEEL TO O. K. CORRIGAN, BUT MAY LATER

Action Not Taken to Be a Rejection of Col. Roosevelt's Advice.

MUCH DEPENDS ON WHAT TAMMANY DOES

Col. Theodore Roosevelt of Nassau county hopes Magistrate Joseph E. Corrigan will be elected District Attorney of New York county. With full knowledge of this fact, the executive committee of the Progressive county committee endorsed last night a "straight Progressive" John J. O'Connell, for District Attorney, as well as William Halpin, Progressive, for Sheriff, also these candidates for the Supreme Court: William H. Holden, James J. Fitzgerald, and W. Holden Clarke, Progressives, and John Proctor Clarke, Republican, and Samuel Greenbaum, Democrat, and for the City Court, Michael Schaap, Progressive.

In no sense does this mean, however, that the committee rejected the advice of Col. Roosevelt as conveyed to them by several members. On the contrary, there is every likelihood that if Tammany nominates Magistrate Corrigan as its candidate, the Progressives will endorse Mr. O'Connell and substitute Corrigan's name on the ticket.

Depends on Tammany.
If Tammany does not name Corrigan, or if it does, the latter may be O'Connell in the campaign to the end. Similarly, if Tammany accepts his Bill Edmonds for sheriff, or some other man whom the Progressives will pick, the special election of Mr. Halpin withdrawing and the Progressives fused with Tammany after the primaries may be presented to the voters.

The Supreme Court slate may be changed also. There is still a chance of a Progressive endorsement for Justice Clarence J. Shearman. There is also a candidate from the Progressive camp, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, who is being picked for the place on the ticket having been left open last night. Most of the committee's endorsements may be reversed for the present as fillers in. The Progressives are waiting to see which way the Democrats and Republicans jump.

In behalf of Magistrate Corrigan a mutual friend of the Magistrate and Col. Roosevelt, Cambridge Livingston, a lawyer of 40 Wall street, called on the Colonel in the office of the Metropolitan Magazine yesterday.

According to a report of the interview, Mr. Livingston explained to the Colonel that he did not wish to interfere in New York city matters. He said it was his belief that the District Attorney should be taken out of the political altogether and that as he (the Colonel) was a resident of Nassau county he did not care to mix in matters here.

He told Mr. Livingston that although it was impossible for him to declare for any particular man he hoped that whichever party won some man of the standing ability and vision of Judge Corrigan would be elected.

Talk of Moss Stopped.
The Progressive leaders in this county have known for several days of the Colonel's leaning toward his friend, Magistrate Corrigan. His endorsement of Judge Corrigan was discussed at the meeting last night, but the strategists thought it best not to get out for the Corrigans until they were sure that he would be Tammany's choice. It has been the talk that Judge Edward Seaman was leading Judge Corrigan in Tammany. The effect of the Roosevelt boost for Corrigan upon the Tammany slate makers remains to be seen.

There was much talk of Frank Moss and other outside candidates in last night's meeting until a resolution that only Progressives should be considered for District Attorney and Sheriff was passed with only one negative vote.

After the meeting Mr. O'Connell, who was a candidate for Supreme Court last year, said:

"Of course if the interests of the county require changes in the slate I have no doubt that the men now on the slate will willingly step off. We have from September 1 to September 13 to do the necessary work to make substitutions. Every man is led to run, but the party feels that the interests of the people come first. Personally I think we will see a fusion movement started within twenty-four hours."

HIS PHOTO A DRINK CURE.
Missouri's Bandaged Head to Remind Him of His Shame.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 26.—James Hoffmann is going to stay on the water wagon hereafter by looking at his own photograph whenever he feels a thirst for liquor.

Hoffmann appeared in court with half of his head shaved and bandaged. He did not remember how he received the injuries which caused surgeons to leave his head in that condition. All that he knows is he had become intoxicated for the first time in two years.

"Get your picture taken in that regatta and look at it," said Judge Welch. "I bet a drink will keep you away from saloons."

The prisoner promised and was discharged.

BARNES FIGHTS TO KEEP LEGISLATORS' PAY DOWN

Effort to Raise Salaries and Expenses Defeated in Convention—Reapportionment on Federal Census Basis Favored.

ALBANY, Aug. 26.—William Barnes led the fight in the convention to keep the salaries of the State Senators and Assemblymen at \$1,500 and allowing them their actual railroad fare between Albany and their homes and return once a week, not including a Pullman ticket and meals on the train.

The convention has discussed this question on two different occasions, and when it was last considered it was determined that the salary should be \$2,500, with weekly train expenses allowed. It was thought that traveling expenses might include much more than railroad fare, and it was finally decided today to limit the expenses allowed to actual railroad fare in order to make salaries impossible.

An effort was made to have adopted a compromise amendment fixing the salary at \$2,000, but this was voted down, 59 to 53.

The committee on legislative organization reported an amendment providing that the Legislature shall make the legislative reapportionment based upon the State census taken this year, and that the reapportionment then made shall not be changed until 1926. Hereafter reapportionments will be based upon the Federal enumeration in this State, as the taking of a State census in the future is to be abandoned, as it costs about \$50,000 and possesses no advantages not found in the Federal census.

Same Number of Members.
The number of Senators and Assemblymen is to remain as at present, 51 Senators and 150 Assemblymen. The apportionment rules in the present Constitution remain unchanged in the new amendment. Under the State census just taken Queens county will have two Senators instead of one, Kings nine instead of eight, New York nine, and the Bronx three, these two counties together not having twelve Senators, as Richmond and Rockland will have a Senator jointly as at present, New York will have twenty-five Assemblymen, Kings twenty, Albany eight, Westchester five, and Richmond one and possibly two, total of sixty-four, the present Assembly representation for New York city being sixty-three.

Each county is to get an Assemblyman just as at present but the remainder of the Assemblymen are distributed among the counties. Under the new apportionment Brooklyn will gain one, Queens one, Bronx four, Richmond one, Dutchess one, and Schenectady one, while Dutchess, Jefferson, Ulster and Steuben will each lose one, according to the new census figures.

There is a provision in the present Constitution that New York and Kings county shall not have more than half county of the membership of the State Senate.

SMOKERS A PERIL TO SCHOOLHOUSE POLLS

One Reason Why Board of Elections Will Experiment With Ten Only.

HAVING heard that the Board of Elections intended to use as polling places only ten of the 500 public schoolhouses available for that purpose under a new law, W. E. Youker, secretary of the Citizens Union, wrote a letter yesterday to Edward F. Boyle, president of the board, challenging him to give his reasons for this action.

"If there are not more than ten schoolhouses that can and should thus be used," wrote Mr. Youker, "it is hard to conceive of there being any. If your board has concluded that the electors prefer to register and vote in butcher, tailor, barber and bakery shops, or desire to have polling places where they can get a drink, or where they can get a cigar, it is very interesting to have those facts made known."

Mr. Boyle replied that the board was just as much interested in the use of schoolhouses as anybody, but its enthusiasm was tempered by responsibility. He spoke of the fire hazard, and said that it is prohibited to smoke in a schoolhouse, and that the presence of a policeman would not insure against violation. He went on:

"A lighted cigar or cigar thrown carelessly in the corridor or hallway might possibly bring results far more serious than a delay of six months, or until the Presidential primaries, as you say. The board is not prepared to control upon a basis of experience, and practice instead of upon theory."

Commissioner Boyle also told Mr. Youker that the expense of many schoolhouses with furniture for election purposes would be costly. He said that the Board of Elections was working toward permanent and complete use of schoolhouses, while it considered immediate and general application of the idea might jeopardize the success of this splendid idea.

In two years the rental of the barber shops and such places for primary and election days has always been an important item in district political patronage.

DEATH THRILLS AT FAIR.
Woman Ballroomer Falls; Partner Tries Suicide; Shoots Spectator.
PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Spectators at the Chenango county fair witnessed unexpected thrills to-day when a woman ballroomer, whose stunt it was to ascend in a balloon and jump with a parachute, fell from her trapeze at the same moment that her partner attempted suicide by shooting and instead of hitting himself shot another woman.

Miss Helen Smith, the balloon performer of Newark, noticed the moody attitude of her partner, John Mack, as she prepared for her ascent, but paid little attention to it. As she ascended, Mack drew a revolver, pressed it to his temple and then exclaimed: "It won't go off, just then it did go off and a woman in the crowd dropped to the ground, wounded by a bullet."

Almost simultaneously Miss Smith received a bullet in the back of the head. She fell to the ground and was only a short distance above the ground. Then it spread out sufficiently to break her fall.

MURPHY LEANS TO WIGWAM HARMONY

Eye on 1917 Makes Him Against Straight Tammany Ticket in Fall.

NEW NAMES FOR SHERIFF
There were indications yesterday in connection with talk of candidates for Sheriff at Tammany Hall that Charles F. Murphy is doing his best to frame a slate of candidates who can get the full Democratic vote in and out of Tammany and who in his opinion will be sure to win.

In a sense he has joined the Democratic "harmonizers." He wants to see the organization achieve a smashing victory this fall and build itself up for the Presidential campaign next year and the Mayoralty fight of 1917. There are those who believe that Mr. Murphy, now fifty-one years old, will step out of the leadership after 1917 if he can succeed in carrying the city in the next Mayoralty contest. He has said that he will never quit when things are going against him.

Two new possible candidates for Sheriff were talked of in Tammany circles yesterday. One is Joseph J. McCormick, a boyhood friend of Murphy. The other is United States Marshal Thomas D. McCarthy.

The district leaders who resent the idea of Tammany accepting Big Bill Edwards as its candidate have been urging Mr. Murphy and the other insiders to put up a district leader instead.

It is understood, however, that they have insisted that the Democrats are sure to win, no matter who is named, and that the job should go to one of the men who has fought the organization's battle on the firing line.

It is understood, however, that their pleas have had no effect. There is a strong belief among the shrewd members of the Tammany controlling group that the people would defeat any candidate put up by the organization as a district leader.

Therefore some of the anti-Edwards men are searching for a candidate outside their own Tammany group. Friends of Mr. McCormick are trying hard to "put him over." He was born in the gas house district, whence Mr. Murphy escaped to fame, and is now a leather merchant at 84 Chambers street.

Others who have taken to Marshall McCarthy have got little encouragement. He has told them that the present \$40,000 Federal job is good enough. Among the arguments employed by his partisans at Tammany Hall is the fact that as an appointee of the Wilson Administration he is generally thought of as being outside the district.

Tammany's Supreme Court ticket is the six vacant places there is a division of feeling as regards Senator Robert F. Wagner and Senator James A. Foley. If Foley is picked Surrogate George M. Schulz of the Bronx is likely to get one of the other nominations.

If Foley has to give way to Wagner Schulz is not likely to be named, for he is not a native-born citizen, and his extraction, and it is not political etiquette to put two eggs of the same kind in one basket. Bronx Democrats are fighting hard for Surrogate Schulz.

AGAINST FIVE COUNTY PLAN.
Registers' Offices Should Be Centralized, Says John J. Hopper.
John J. Hopper, Register of New York county, thinks all of the Registers' offices in this city should be centralized and placed under municipal control. This is the plan advocated by Commissioner George M. Walworth and Chamberlain Brueere.

In a letter to these men Mr. Hopper said yesterday that the centralization principle is accepted by all the electors who are willing to sacrifice the public welfare for matters which are of temporary personal benefit to themselves. He continued:

"If all the work relating to all classes of instruments which affect title to real property were placed under one office management with branch offices in the several centers of population, it would greatly add to the convenience of the public, decrease operating expenses and increase the stability and safety of titles."

"If the titles in Manhattan were registered and the scale of fees now charged by the title companies were added to the income of the city, Manhattan alone would be \$30,000,000, most of which would be profit. The scale of fees in use in Massachusetts would produce a revenue of \$800,000 for Manhattan alone. I mention these figures to show the economic reason New York city has in favoring a true Torrens system, aside from the incalculable benefit accruing to the land owners directly."

O'LOUGHLIN PETITION SECOND.
Earl H. Miller Takes First Place in Elections Board Race.
Edward T. O'Loughlin, who is trying for reelection as Register of Kings county, was the second candidate for whom primary election petitions were filed when the Board of Elections opened its books for that purpose yesterday.

The first petition was that of Earl H. Miller, candidate for reelection as Democratic Assemblyman in the Thirty-third district. O'Loughlin's petition was signed by Independence League voters. He hopes to be designated by the Democratic assembly, having been turned down by the Brooklyn Republican organization.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY AT CORRY.PA.
Fred Braedon, Wealthy Printer, Kills Wife and Commits Suicide.
CORRY, Pa., Aug. 26.—Fred Braedon, Junior partner of Waver & Braedon, printers, shot and killed his wife, Opal, to-day at their home on Wright street. The man then committed suicide.

Mrs. Braedon and a woman guest had been out for the evening. As they were returning Braedon met them and walked home with them. When they reached the house Braedon drew a revolver, placed it behind the woman's ear and fired. He then shot himself.

MONTREAL RECEIVER A LEGISLATIVE CASE

Business Men Told That Premier and Cabinet Cannot Appoint One.

THE CITY'S BIG DEFICIT
MONTREAL, Aug. 26.—Business men of the city who are anxious that Sir Lomer Gouin, the Premier, should appoint a commissioner to supervise the financial administration of Montreal, were advised by their counsel to-day that such an appointment could not be made by the Premier and Cabinet themselves, but only with the sanction of a majority of the members of the Legislature.

Business men are becoming seriously alarmed over the handling of the city's finances. The city at present owes \$102,000,000. Its borrowing power is at present 12 per cent. The financiers at the City Hall are considering an application to have the borrowing power increased to 15 per cent, but this will be sternly opposed.

The Controllers who are faced with the task of drawing up a 1916 budget are in a quandary, for their preliminary calculations show a deficit of \$1,500,000. A decrease in revenue and the total extinction of borrowing power are the stumbling blocks.

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Lower Assessments.
In May last the assessors started on their annual rounds of levying the annual realty assessments, and their labors will close about the end of the month. It is understood that the city council has been issued by the assessors as to the result of their work. It is known by members of the Board of Control that in assessing the city's realty, it had been incumbent on the assessors to lower the assessed values instead of increasing them.

There are assessors who admit that the present assessments are too high, and that the city is paying too much for its services. The lowering of assessed values would mean a decrease in the city's revenue, but it would also mean a decrease in the city's expenses.

Plans to Weather the Storm.
Several plans to weather the storm will be proposed. In the first place a determined effort will be made to cut down the abnormal exemptions. The exemptions in value cover more than a fifth of the entire realty in the city. This is seen by the following figures:

Exemptions, \$215,151,251. Total assessed value of real estate, \$55,440,637. All the revenue available will be swallowed up in administration expenses, no loan fund will be at hand, and so far as can be ascertained now, the only money open for public works next season will be about \$2,000,000, which can be raised by a loan floated on the security of property owners to the city by fronting proprietors called on to pay proportion of improvements carried out on city streets.

But whatever happens there will be no increase in taxes, as the flat declaration of Controller Hebert, who has the budget in charge. "The situation now is that the city may expect a revenue of \$12,000,000, and so far as I can find by very tentative calculation, the expenditure on the administration next year will be about \$13,000,000, thus leaving a deficit on the January budget of \$1,000,000."

"That I hope to make up on the supplementary budget which is due in May. For we shall have at the end of this year many more taxes owing to us than we had at the end of last year; the supplementary budget this year was about \$2,000,000."

TRAPPED BY FAKE PICTURE.
Two Men Held for Perjury in Case Involving Woman.
A composite photograph, cleverly patched and developed, led to perjury charges against two men yesterday before Justice McKee, Presiding and Pleading in the Court of Special Sessions.

The picture was produced by a witness in an effort to contradict the testimony of Marie Cumik, 22, of West Thirtieth street.

The woman alleged that George Kartafolos, a waiter of 255 West Thirtieth street, is the father of her twin children, and of the death of her mother, Isadore Zakakis, 261 West Thirtieth street, showed a picture of the woman and herself, which he said was taken at Coney Island a short time ago. When she died ever accompanying Zakakis, the Justices carefully questioned the witness. Apparently one of the Justices saw the defect in the picture, and after a vigorous cross-examination Zakakis admitted that the photograph was made and given to him by a friend.

Zakakis was immediately held in \$1,500 bail and Kartafolos was ordered to pay \$4 a week for the support of the children. Later he was arraigned in the Court of Sessions for perjury to-morrow by Magistrate Frothingham on a charge of perjury.

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PIRATE WITH SQUEAKY VOICE MADE CAPTIVE

15-year-old Buccaneer Trapped by Tones After Series of Small Change Crimes.

Even the boys who play with Frank Gravas admit that he is an unusual boy. He stands six feet one inch despite his 15 years, and has a voice that squeaks. That voice was the most fearsome bit of equipment that a pirate ever had. It is responsible for Frank's downfall. He could turn on a tremolo of sound that made his victims want to walk the plank just to get away from the noise.

Frank lives at 250 Flushing avenue, Long Island City. A few months ago he got hold of a book about the Spanish Main. From that time on it was hard to find Frank without a bandanna tied under his hat and fuses in his pocket, with which to emulate the immortal Blackbeard.

Yesterday Frank acquired half a dollar in some way, and the deep laid plots that had been forming under his hand led him to North Hoyt, where he hired a boat for one hour. Then, carefully muffling his voice, he invited Louis Guidone, also 15, but small, to take a row, and Louis accepted. When they were off the shore a way Frank's voice rose to a pitch at which it cracked and he yelled:

"Stand and deliver!" He got his terms mixed a bit, but Louis caught his meaning, and gave up 15 cents. He explained later that if he had not given up the 15 cents, he would have walked the plank, and he never had cared for walking planks. The next victim was Nicholas Rotondo, 14 years old, who had earned 25 cents during the morning by selling gum. Nicholas also gave up without a struggle, but as soon as he got ashore he hid the unlucky thing of telling Policemen McQuerry all about the pirate with the strange voice.

That was the end of Frank's career under the black flag. It took two men to get him to shore. Judge Hoyt, in the children's court in Jamaica, held Frank until Monday to decide what to do with an unusual young man.

DEMOCRATIC SLATE CHOSEN.
Jeffersonian Alliance Promises to Support Edwards for Sheriff.
A Democratic slate of candidates for New York county was announced yesterday by the New York county members of the executive committee of the Jeffersonian Alliance, 42 Broadway. Support was promised to Justice Greenough, Clarke, Shearman and DeLoach for reelection, Corporation Counsel Francis J. Polk for Justice, Melvin C. Pollock or Stuart D. Gibson for District Attorney, and William H. Edwards for Sheriff.

"It is certain," says the alliance, "that the new Constitution will be undemocratic and reactionary. Senator Root says, and truthfully, that the government of the State has been Venetian for years past. We hereby declare that New York city will no longer allow itself to be treated as a conquered province. Without more rule, the alliance says, it will be impossible to put through the new Constitution this year."

Hungarians Indorse Swann.
The candidacy of Judge Edward Swann for the office of District Attorney was indorsed yesterday by the Hungarian National Democratic Club, 245 East Eighty-second street. The indorsement was made in the form of a resolution representing the desires of 10,000 Hungarians.

THINK VICTIM TITLED GERMAN.
Babylon Hospital Authorities Sistent About Auto Accident Patient.
BABYLON, L. I., Aug. 26.—The man who was hurt in an automobile accident near Farmingdale and who is now recovering from concussion of the brain in the South Side Hospital here, is said to be a titled German. The hospital authorities refused to tell who he is, and his identity will remain a mystery.

Dr. James S. Ames, one of the hospital staff, said to-night he didn't know the man's name. At the hospital it was announced that the man is a private patient.

The man is believed to have been on his way from a week end party at the home of Capt. Hans Tauscher, husband of Mme. Galski, the prima donna, and was riding in Mme. Galski's car when it turned over in the ditch, the chauffeur explaining afterward that he turned aside to permit another car, Vernon Castle, to pass.

HOTEL SUES O'SHAUGHNESSY.
Ritz-Carlton Serves Papers on Diplomat in Plattsburg Camp.
Nelson W. O'Shaughnessy, formerly in charge of the American Embassy in Mexico, recently attached to the Embassy to Austria, and now in camp at Plattsburg, was sued in the Supreme Court yesterday by the Ritz-Carlton Hotel for a bill of \$478 contracted in 1912.

The papers were served on Mr. O'Shaughnessy by the Sheriff of Clinton county in camp.

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